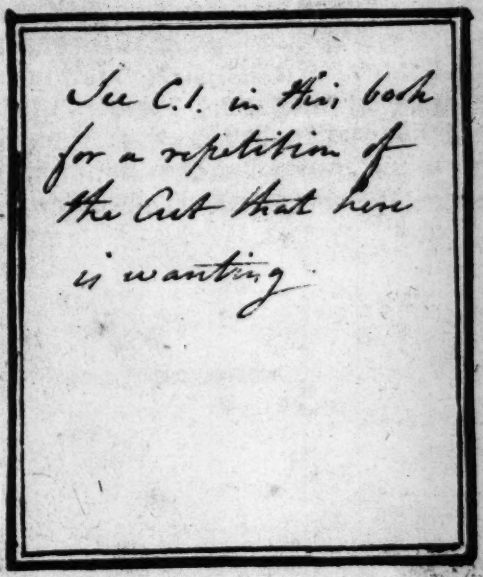
Virgilius.

This boke treateth of the lyfe of Virgilius and of his deth and many marvayles that he dyd in hys lyfe tyme by whychcraffte and nygramancye thorowgh the helpe of the de-uyls of hell."



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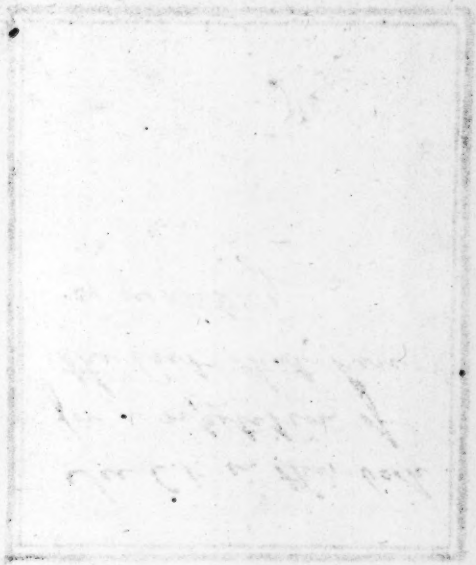


This is resonable to weyght the merueil
dedes done by Virgilius within the Cyte
of Rome and in other places / Rome hath be a
all tymes of great name and fame / and there
there dwell gretely great worshyp / there tyme
But Romulus the Emperour of Rome slewe
his owne brother throughe hate and enuy for
with his wonge Remus had gouen ouer to Ro
mulus the cyte of Rome and all the lande therto
belongynge but Remus carped with hym all
the treasure into Champanien and there he ap
a ryuer called Vellen he founde there a tolleh
and eyche strong towne with hye fayre walles
that was well repayred with in and with oute
and with fayer ymages carued out of stone a
all the holde of the towne conuayed vnder the
erth into the ryuer of vellen that ranne there by
and this towne was in that tyme one of the fay
reste and he called it Remus after his owne pro
pre name.

¶ Howe Romulus cam with in the kayer` tow
ne of Kepnes ý he destroped/ and how he slewe
his broder Remus that was Lorde of Kapnes.

Also Romulus harde say of his broder Remus / of the towne of Raynes than was he very heup for the walles of Raynes was so hygh that a man that stode in the dethe myght nat schote ouer well with a hande bowe And ꝑ the walles of Rome was so lowe that a mā myght wel lepe ouer and with no dethes It fortuned that Remus went to see his broder Romulus at Rome And toke with hym manye folke after his estate and bytethe and lefte his wyfe in abydynge in the towne of Raynes in champanion with a lytyll chylde or ponge sone named Remus after his owne name and whā he was com before Rome and sawe the walles he sayd thre tymes that the walles were to lowe / more ouer he sayde with a ronne he wolde lepe ouer them and bye and bye he toke a ronne and lept kleue ouer And whā his broder Romulus had harde this howe his broder had lepte ouer and sayde that he had done yll and therfore he shuld lese his hed therfore / And as Romulus dyd enter into his broders Romulus palayce than he toke Remus and he with his owne handes smote of his broders hed and slew hym and it was nat longe tyme after that he rayſed a great armey of peōple thorowghe all his contrepe and prepayred hym towarde the towne of Raynes in Champanien and began to set his ordinaūce towarde the walles of the towne and dyd de-

stroped the palayce/Towers/castels/and other places to the erthe In so muche that he lefte but a fewe standynge or none. but he coulde nat fynde the wyfe of remus his suster for she was fled away out of the towne vnder the erthe at a false porte to hyr frendes & kynsfolke for she was one of the greatest borne women that was than there aboute. And as Romulus had destroped the lande and towne of rapnes he departed and went home toward the Cytie of rome with all his hoolste where he was receyued ryche ly.

¶ Howe the Sone of remus that also was named remus after his fader dyd slewe his vnkell romulus and afterwarde was made Emperoure and so regned Emperoure.

Than was the wyfe of remus very ſadde
and moened very ſore when ſhe knew of
the dethe of hyr huſbond and alſo of the deſtruc-
cyon of the Towne of rapnes deſtroyed by the
the hãdes of hyr brother / cauſed that workemẽ
ſhulde make the walles a geyne after hyr bro-
ders departyng fro it In ſo muche that ſhe ma
de the towne of rapnes more ſtronger and fay
rer than it was euer a fore and renewed it ry-
chely after hyr myght and power For ſhe was
nat of ſo great myght as ſhe was when hyr huſ
bonde was a lyue. And alſo this noble lady no-
ryſſhed hyr chylde well and within a lytyll ſpa
ce he began to were bygge and ſtronge and my
ghy a nought to bere armure. Than ſayde his
moder to hym my dere ſone whẽ wylt you wre-
ke your faders dethe that youre vncle ſlewe
he anſwered to his moder within this .iij. mo-
neythes And forthe with he cauſed his kynſfol-
to repſe theyr people and whẽ they were gathe-
red departed He cam with a great power tow
arde rome / and whẽ he cam to rome he entered
in there at no maner of bodye agey nſte ſayinge
And when he was with in he made a cry e that
no man ſhuld do no romans harme Than wẽt
he to the emperours palayce / and when the em
perour knewe that he was come he aſked coun
ſayl and the Senatours anſwered that there
no remedy but deth by cauſe he ſlewe his fader

to shall he agayne flee you / and with that cam
Remus in to the palayce of his vnkle Remulus
no bodye ayenst sayinge and there he sawe his
his vnkell a fore hym stand in his emperly stole
than was he enflamed with yre drewe oute his
swerde and toke his vncle by the here and smo-
te of his hed and whan it was done he asked the
lordes and Senatours of rome or they wolde
therfore warre and they answered all nay and
gaue to hym the hole empyre and crowned hym
as ryght heyer and whan he was emperour he
sent for his moder and she cam to hym And than
was rome made with stronge walles & dyches
and than gatte Rome a great name and there
haunted many dyuerse nacyons and they dyd
buylde and edefye many fayre dwellynge pla-
ces in rome. This Remus was a stronge man
of bodye ryche of good wyse in counsayll / and
had vnder hym many landes and lordshyppes
This remus had a knyght of his moders be-
halfe that was ryght hardy and bolde in batay
le and he toke or marved a wyfe in the Cytie of
rome that was one of the greatteste Senyours
dawghters of rome and hyghest of lynage and
remus regned not longe after but dyed & his
sone was made emperoure & regned after hym
and this knyght of champanien that had ma-
ryed ye Senatours dawghter he made great
warre with hym & dyd hym very muche harme

This knyght had one sone by his wyfe that wt great trauayinge of labour was bourne / and there was he named Virgilius of vigilo for by cause ꝑ he was a great space of tyme watched so with men.

¶ Howe Virgilius was sette to schole.

AS Virgilius was borne than the towne of rome quaked and tremled / in his youthe he was wyse and subtyll / and was put to schole. and shortly after dyed his fader and thā Virgilius moder wolde nomore marye apen / for she loued hyr lorde so well / and after the decese of hyr husbond hyr kynsfolke wold haue put hyr fro hyr enherytaunce that she had lyngē ī and without rome and one of the fayrest castels / strongest in all the towne or there about that coulde be emagened or made by any man And she complayned oftē to the emperour that was nere of kynne vnto hyr husbonde / but the emperour was a angeryr man and wolde nat here hyr complayntes also he was nat beloued of the lordes nor of ꝑ comon people / within short tyme after he decesyd And his sone / heyer Dyrsydes was Emperoure after his faders dethe / and ruled after his owne mynde all the lande. And he had all the romans vnder hym in soume that he ruled them so straytly that they were sore a drad of hym / And Virgilius was at schole at Tolenten where he stodyed dyligently for he was of great vnderstandynge / Vpon a tyme the scholers hadde lycence to goo to play and sporte them in the fyldes after the vsaunce of the holde tyme And there was also virgilius therby also walkynge amonge the hylles alle about it fortuned he syed a great hole in ꝑ fyld

of a great hyll wherein he went so depe that he
he culde not see no more lyght and then he went
a lytell ferther therin and than he sawe som ly-
ght agayne and than went he fourth a rey ghte
and with in a lytell whyle after he harde a voce
that called virgilius virgilius and loked about
and he colde nat see no body Than Virgilius
spake and asked who calleth me than harde he
the voyce agayn but he sawe no body thā sayd
he virgilius see ye not ꝑ lytell bourde lynge
by syde you there marked with that word than
Than answerd virgilius I see that borde well a
nough The voyce sayd doo a waye that bourd
borde and lette me out there atte. Than answe
red virgilius to the voyce that was vnder ꝑ ly-
tell borde and sayd who art thou that calles me
so Thā answered the deuyll I am a deuyll cōiu-
red out of the body of a certeyne man and ba
nyssyn dthere tyll the day of iugement without ꝑ
I be delyuered by the handes of men Thus vir
gilius I pray the delyuere me out of this payn
and I shall shewe vnto the many bokes of ny-
gromancy I howe thou shalt cum by it lyghtly
and knowe the practyse therin that no man in
the scyence of negromancye shall passe the And
moreouer I shall showe and enforme ꝑ so that
thou shalte haue all thy desyre wherby my thō
keit is a great gylte for so lytell a a doynge For
ye may also thus all your power frēdys helpē

and make ryche/your enmenpes vnmyghtyp.
Thorowgh that great prompse was Virgilius
tempted/he badde the fynd showe the bokes to
hym that he myght haue ⁊ occupp them at his
wyll. ⁊ so the fynde shewed hym and than Vir-
gilius pulled open a bourde and there was a lytell ho-
le and ther at wt age the deuyll out lyke a peel/ ⁊
cam and stode by fore Virgilius lyke a lyggge
man/wherof Virgilius was a stoned and mer
uepled greatly therof ꝑ so great a man myght
come out at so lytyll a hole/thā sayd Virgilius
shulde ye well passe into the hole that ye cā out
of pe ⁊ shall well sayd the deuyll/ ⁊ holde ꝑ beste
plegge that ⁊ haue pe shall not do it. well sayde
the deuyll therto ⁊ consente and than the deuyll
wrange hym selfe into the lytell hole apen/ and
as he was there in/Virgilius kyuered the hole
a geyn with the bourd close ⁊ so was the deuyll
begyled and myght nat there come out apen.
but there abydeth shytte styll therin. Than cal
led the deuyll dredefully to Virgilius and sayd
what haue pe done Virgilius answered abyde
there styll to your day apoynted. And fro thens
forth abydeth he there. And so Virgilius becā
verp coumynge in ꝑ practyse of the blacke scyē-
ce. It was so that the moder of virgilius wered
yolde in so muche that she lost hyr herynge/thā
called she one of hyr seruāters and sayd to hym
pe must to Tolleten and tell Virgilius my sone

gilius

that he come & redresse his enherytaunce with
in and with out Rome. and gyue vp the schole
for he shulde be by ryght one of the greatest of
all Rome/ the messengere departed and went
toward Toleten where Virgilius was/ & whā
he cam there he founde Virgilius techyng and
lernynge the greattest lordes of the lande and
other landes also/ for I ensure ye he was a fayr
and a wyse ponge man and conynge in the scy-
ence of egramancye aboue all men than lyuyn
ge/ he salued Virgilius and shewed vnto hym
all the mater that he cam for/ and whan virgili
us harde all the mater howe it was he was ve-
ry heuy not for the good but for his moder/ For
Virgilius had good anough/ he rewarded the
messenger and also sēde his moder. iiij. somers
lade with money and with other costely iewels
and sende hyr also one whyte horse & so ỹ messē-
gre tolde his leue of virgilius and so departed.
And virgilius abydyng styll in Tolenten ema-
gened in his mynde/ howe he myght beste con-
uey ỹ rest of his good to Rome & that he myght
folowe. and whan he ordeyned & set in order all
the rest/ he toke his leue & departed fro Tolentē
towarde Rome/ wt many of his scholers wt hym
whā he cam to Rome to his moder he salewed
hys moder & she hym/ For she was glad of his
commynge for she sawe hym nat afore by ỹ
space of. xij. yeres afore.

¶ Howe Virgilius dyde make his complaynt
to the emperour as he was com to rome.

AS virgilius was com to rome he was re-
cepued ryght worshyppfullye of his pow-
er kynsfolke and not of the ryche for they with

helde his landes oute of his hand/ for that cause
was he nat welcome to them but ...ere angery
of his comyng for they wolde nat ete with hym
nor drynke with hym Than was virgilius an-
gery and than gaue he to all his power kyndes-
folke that with helde no thynge fro his moder/
landes/ harneyse/ horses/ syluer/ and golde and
other thynges/ And he gaue to his Nayboures
great thankes for the kyndenes that they shew-
ed to his moder in his absens After this dyd vir-
gilius abyde longe tyme with his moder Tyll ꝑ
tyme that the emperour repsed a newe custom
or tacke Than went all the lordes to the empe-
rour that helde ony lande of hym and also vir-
gilius w̄ all his company and many kynsfolke
and frendes And whan he cam to fore hym he
salewed hym and shewed vnto hym howe he
was enheryted of his landes and tenementes
and of those that with helde it and desyred that
he myght haue it agayne. Than answered the
emperour that he shulde take therof counsayll
And forth with he went to counsayll with them
that loued not virgilius/ and they answered to
the emperour me thynketh that ꝑ lande is well
deuyded to them that hath it for they may helpe
you in your nede what nede ye you to care for
the dysheryttynge of one schle mayster and byd
hym take hede & loke of his schole for he hath no
ryght to ony lande here aboute ꝑ cyte of rome.

and sayd that he must take patyence by the spa
ce. iiij. or. v. yere that they myght examyned
in our selfe whether ye be ryght eyer or no. and
with that answere was Virgilius very angry
and sayd that he shulde be auenged. And whan
he cam home he sende for all his pore kynsfolke
and frendes and put them in his holes & dwel-
lynge places that he hadde within Rome. And
purueyed them of mete and drynke & byd the
make mery tyll Julio that the corne and frute
is ryppe. And whan it was ryppe. Virgilius by
his egromancy dyde caste the aper ouer all the
frute and corne of his landes that his enemyes
hylde fro hym and caused it to be gathered and
brought in to his howses that none of his ene-
myes had none therof. In this maner of wyse
dyd Virgilius deseyue his enemyes of all the
frutes & corne in so muche that they had not on
penny worthe theyr of that goodes that they
witheld fro hym. And whan Virgilius enemy
es sawe the frute so gathered. They assembled
a great power and cam towarde Virgilius to
take hym & smyte of his hed and whē they we-
re assembled they were so stronge that the Em
perour for fere fled oute of rome for they were.
xij. Seniatours that had all the worlde vnder
them. and Virgilius had had ryght he had ben
one of ꝑ. xij. but they had dyscheryted hym and
his moder. & when Virgilius knewe of theyr

cõpynge he cloſed all his landes with the aper
rounde a bout all his lande that none lyuynge
creature myght there come in to dwell a penſe
his wyllfol pleaſure.

¶ How the Emperoure of Rome beſeged Vir
gilius beynge in his caſtell.

AS Virgilius enemyes cam to deſtroye a
take hym and when they cam before his
caſtell he cloſyd them with the aper that they
had no myght to gowe nor forwarde nor backe
ward but abyde ſtyll where of they merueyled
and than virgilius anſwered pe cũ to dyſherye
me but pe ſhall nat and knowe pe well that you
ſhall haue no profyte of the frutes as longe as I
lyue And pe maye tell to the Emperour that I
ſhall tarry .iiij. or .v. yeres tyll he take counſayll
I deſyre nat to plete in the lawe but I ſhall take
my good where I fynde it/and alſo tell the Em
perour I care nat for all his warre nor all that
he can do to me thã returned virgilius and made
ryche all his poure kynſfolke and whan virgi
lius was returned than wente they home and

knewe nat what they shulde do than cam they
to the emperoure and complayned of virgilius
and sayde that Virgilius sayde that he set nat
by the empepoure and all that he couder make
And whan the Emperoure harde this he was
greatly a moued and sore a nangered and sayd
that I shall brynne and set on fyer all his how-
ses and also I shall smyte of his hedde and there
with all not longe tarynge he caused his lordes
& knyghtes that helde Lande of hym that they
shulde repse all theyr men of armes ȳ they had
vnder them to be redy at a day at his commaū
dement & at the day apoynted the Emperoure
and all his hoost were assembled they toke theyr
way toward the place of Virgilius that was
rounde a boute well walled and closed with the
aeyr that whan the Emperour cam before the
walles with all his hoste they myght nat gowe
nor forwarde nor backewarde And than went
fro his castell fourthe Virgilius & with his ne-
gromancy he made also a lyght in suche maner
that they coulde nat goo forwarde nor returne
but stande styll And he made also by his cūnyng
that the Emperour thought that he was closed
rounde a boute with a great water in so muche
that they myght nat come to the castell nor for
to come fro the castell but stode styll and this dyd
by Virgilius serue the emperaure and all hys
hoste and moreouer cam Virgilius to the Em

peroure and sayde/ Lorde Emperoure ye haue
no power with all your strength to do me har-
me nor my landes also/ For be ryght ye shulde
make of me as one of your greatest lordes and
nerest of your kynred for I at your nede maye
helpe you more than al your other folke. Than
answered the Emperour to Virgilius you be-
gyler maye I onoget you vnder my handes I
wyll geue the ꝑ that thou hast deserued. Than
answered Virgilius & sayd Lorde Emperoure
I fere you nat but thynke you well that I shall
tame you well a nowghe that ye shall be glade
to knowe me for one of your kynsfolkes and of
your blode but ye wolde dyspleyse me but ye
shall not. Than caused Virgilius muche mete
to be dressed by twene hys howse and the hoste
that the Emperour and his folke myght se it &
howe they dressed it but they myght haue none
therof but the smoke or reke for they of the hoste
was shyt in with the aeyr as thoughe it hadde
ben a great water/ And so dyd Virgilius serue
the Emperour and his folke/ nor there was no
body in his hoste that coulde fynde any remedy
to helpe them there agayn/ Vpõ a tyme as they
were in that thraldome afore the Castell there
cam a man that colde skyll in the scyence of ne-
gromancy and cam afore the Emperoure and
sayd that he wolde by hys practyce make slepe
all Virgilius folke and so he dyd in so muche ꝑ

Virgilius his selfe myght scant with drawe hym
fro slepynge/than was he sorye and wyste nat
what to do for ꝑ Emperours folke was delyue
red and began to come a pon Virgilius walles
And whan Virgilius sawe that he loked in his
boke of negromancye where in he was very p
fyte and there he foūde in what maner he my
ght delyuer his folke fro slepe and than he cun
gered that he made the Emperoure stande styll
a gene that he myght nat remeue out of his pla
nor all his folke nor the mayster of negromācy
myght nat remeue nor styre as thowgh they
were deed and they that were vpon the ladders
one fote vppe another downe and so stode styll/
and also some stode with one fote on the lader a
nother vpon ꝑ wall and so for to stande styll tyll
it pleased Virgilius. wherof ꝑ Emperour was
sore auered and angery and asked his mayster
if they shulde stande styll in that maner and he
gaue hym no answere but he spake to virgilius
and sayd that he whlde showe vpon hym his cū
nynge/and than Virgilius answered and bad
hym do his beste for I set nat a strawe by pow
nor all that ye can do to me/And thus helde vir
gilius the Emperour and all his folke closed in
this maner with the aper by the space of a day/
And in the nyght cā virgilius to ꝑ Emperour
and sayd It is a shame for so noble a p̄ce thus to
stop the way and take vpon hym ꝑ he can nat do.

Than sayd the emperour to virgilius helpe me out of this daunger and I shall restore agayne to you all your landes and tenementes I haue all thynges at your owne wyll. Thā answered virgilius to ỹ Emperoure I wyll delyuer you out of this daūger so that ye wyll gyue me grace. pe by my crowne and I knowe you for on of my kynred and I desyre to haue you with me in my felawshyp. I than virgilius put a wape the closynge And relyeued the emperour and all his folke into his castell where golde and ryches were plenty. And serued them with mete I drynke ryght plentyously after theyr degree of the deyntyest and strangest ỹ myght be gotte that they sawe neuer afore. And the emperour was there rychely serued. than euer he was before or after. And virgilius rewarded euery p-sone after his degree and with many costely I merueloule gyftes.

¶ Howe the emperour restored agayne vnto virgilius all his enherytaunce and gooddes I gaue to hym many other thynges.

Thantoke they leue of Virgilius & retour
ned home agepne/ and whā they were re
turned home the emperour gaue to Virgilius
his lands agepn and all that he asked. And was
the greatteſt lorde of the Emperurs counſapll.
After that it hapenyd that Virgilius was ena-
moured of a fayre lady the fayneſt in all rome.
Virgilius made a crafte in egromancy that tol
de hir all his mynde/ when the lady knewe his
mynde ſhe thowght in hyr ſelfe to deſepue hym
And layde that it was great danngger ſo to do
but at ꝑ laſte ſhe cõſented & ſayd if he wyll come
at mydnyght to the caſtell walle ſhe ſhulde lette
downe a baſket with ſtronge cordes and there to

drawe hym
vppe at hyr
wyndowe &
ſo to lye by
by hyr and
haue his ple
aſur and to
this anſwe-
re was vir-
gilius very
glad with ꝑ
anſwer and
ſayd he ſhul
de doo it wt a
good wyll.

¶ Howe the Gentylwoman pulled vppe Virgilius and howe she let hym hange in ꝑ basket when he was halfe way vp to hyr wyndowe & howe the people wondered & mocked hym.

A Day was set that Virgilius sholde come to a tower that stode in the market place of rome and in all the towne was none so hygh and at the day appoynted Virgilius cam to the tower and the Gentylwomā was therat wayenge and as she sawe hym there stande she let downe the basket at the wyndowe and when it was done virgilius went in and whan he was therin she pulled hym vp tyll that he cam halfe waye and there she let hym hange and made ꝑ corde faste/Than the gentylwoman spake ye be deceyued and I shall let you hange styll to morowe for it is market day that all the folke may wōder of you and of your dyshonestie that you wolde haue do and lyne by me/ and therewall she shyt hyr wyndowe and let hym hange tyll the mornynge that it was daye tyll all the men in rome wyst it and also ꝑ emperour that was ashamed and sent for the Gentylwoman and bad hyr let hym downe and so she dyd and whē he was downe he was ashamed and sayd that shorly after he wolde be auenged on hyr and so went home to his gardayne that was ꝑ fayrest

that stode with in Rome/thā toke he his bokes and by his conynge put out all the fyer that was in Rome/and none of them with out myght brynge in fyer into the cyrcle/and this dured by the space of a daye and a nyght/but Virgilius had anowghe & no body elshad nor myght not make no fyer with in Rome.

¶ Howe virgilius put out al the fyer of Rome.

The Emperoure and all his Barons and the comons of Rome mercuyled that ther was no fyer in al the Cytie/& thā they thowght in their myndes that Virgilius had put it out. than the Emperoure sent for Virgilius & prayd hym of his counsayll that men myght haue fyer agayne/Thā must cause a scaffolde to be made in the myddle of the markid place/and than ye muste set the gentylwoman in hyr smocke that hynge me in the basket yesterday/ and than lett make a cryer thorwgh all ỹ Cytie of Rome who so wyll haue ony fyer must come to the scaffolde in the market place/and there be twene the leggis of the gentylwoman there they shuld haue fyer or other wyse none/and knowe that one ỹ other can gyue none nor sell none and thus ye must do if ye wyll haue ony fyer. whē they haue this they cam ỹ great multytude to ỹ scaffold.

¶ Howe the gentylwoman was put vpon the
scaffolde and howe the folke of the towne went
and fetched fyer at hyr taple and also lyghte cã-
dels betwene hyr legges.

¶ The Emperoure and all his seruauntes sawe þ
there was no nother remedy but þ muste
nedes do after Virgilius counsayll dyd cause a
Scaffolde to be made in the market place & caus-
ed the gentyll woman to be set there on in hyr

smocke and there men fetche fyer betwene hyr
legges the pore men with candels and strawe &
the ryche men lyghted they there they re torches.
Thre dayes must the gentylwoman stande in
that manere or els they shulde haue no fyer. &
after the thyrde day went the gentywoman ho
me sore a shamed for she knewe well that Virgi
lius had done that violēce to hyr. wythin a whyle after marped Virgilius a wyfe And when ꝑ
was done virgilius made a merueylous palay
re with .iiij. corners & as it was made he layed
the Emperoure therin in one of ꝑ corners and
herde all that the men dyd say in that quarrer &
in lykewyse dyd he bryngе hym in ꝑ other .iij.
quarters and so he harde what they sayde in the
other quartars of Rome and thus gowyng by
the .iiij. quartars harde he what they sayde thorowe all Rome the myght nat speke so secretly
but he harde it.

¶ howe Virgilius made saluatis Rome.

The Emperour asked of virgilius howe ꝯ he myght make Rome pspere and haue many landes vnder thē And knowe when any lande wolde rysa gen theym ¶ Virgilius sayd to ꝯ Emperoure I will vō in short space that do.

and he made vpō the Capitolium that was the
Towne house made with caruede ymages ⁊ of
Rome and that he let call Saluacio rome that is
to say this is the saluacyon of the cytie of Rome
and he made in the compace all the goddes that
that we call mametres ⁊ pdolles that were vn-
der the subiectiō of Rome And euery of the god
des ỹ there were had in his hande a bell And in
the myddle of the godes made he one god of Ro-
me And when so euer that there was any land
wolde make any warre agepnst Rome/Than
wolde the godes tourne theyr backes towarde
the god of Rome And than the God of the land
that wolde lāde vp a gepne Rome clynked his
bell so longe that he hathe in his hand tyll the se
natours of Rome hereth it and forthwith they
go there and see what lāde it is that wyll make
warre a gapnste them and so they prepare thē
and goerly a gepne theym and subdueth theym
this forsayde token knewe the mē of Carthago
that was sore a greued for the great harme that
the Romans had done thē and they toke a pry-
uay counsell what maner they myght destroy
that worke/Than thought they in there mynde
to sende. iij. men out and gaue them great mul-
tytudes of golde and syluer and these. iij. men to
be theyr leue of the lordes and wēt towarde the
Cytie of Rome and when they were come to rome

they reported them selfe to the sapers and trewe
dremers/ Upon a tyme went these .iij. men to
a hyll that was within the cyte and there they
burped a great pott of money very depe in the
erthe and when that was done and kynered a
gayne they wēt to the brygge of Tyber and let
fall in a certayne place a great barell with gol-
den pens & when this was done these thre men
went to the seniatours of Rome and sayd wor-
shyppfull lordes we haue this nyght edremed þ
with in the fote of a hyll here with in Rome is a
great pot with money/ wyll ye lordes graunte
to vs and we shall do the coste to seke there after
and the lordes consented And than they toke la-
berours and delued the money out of the erthe.
and when it was done they wēt a nother tyme
to the lordes and sayde worshyppfull lordes we
haue also dremed that in a certayne place of Ty
ber lyeth a barell full of goldē pens if that yow
wyll graunte to vs that we shall goo seke it and
the lordes of Rome thynkyng no dyscepte grau-
ted to those sothe sapers and badde them do that
that they shulde do there best and than the sothe
sapers was glad and than the hyred shyppers &
men and went toward the place where is was
and when they were come the sowgh in euery
place there about and at the laste founde the ba
rell full of golden pens wherof they were glade

And than they gaue to the lordes costely gyftes And than to ꝯrome to their purpose they cam to lordes a gepne and sayd to them worshypfull lordes we haue dremed a gepne that vnder the fundacyon of Capitolium there where Saluacio Rome standeth be. xij. barelles full of golde And pleasyth you lordes that you wolde graũt vs lycence it shall be to your great auantage and the lordes styrred with couetyse graũted them by cause. ij. tymes a fore they tolde trewe wherof they were glad gaue labereurs and began to dygge vnder the fundacyon of Saluacio Rome and whē they thought that they had dygged a nought they departed fro Rome and the nexte daye folowynge fell that house downe and all the worke that Virgilius hadde made so the lordes knewe that they were delepued and were sorowfull after that hade nat no fortune as they had a fore tymes.

¶ Howe the Emperour asked counsayll of virgilius howe the nyght Romers and pil doers myght be rydde out of the stretes.

The Emperour had manye complaynctes of the nyght ronners and theues and also of great murderynge of people in the nyght in so muche that the Emperour asked counsayll of Virgilius and sayd that he hath great cõplaynctes of the theues that rõne thy by nyght for they kyll many mẽ what coũsayll Virgilius is best to be done. Than answered virgilius to the Emperour ye shall let make a horse of coper and a coper man apon his backe hangynge in his hãdes a flayll of yron & that horse ye shall do bynge a fore the towne howse and then ye shall let crye that a man fro henseforth at .x. of the clocke shulde ryng a bell And he that after ỹ bell was ronge in the strete shulde be slayne no worke therof be done And whan this crye was made the roffyãs set nat a poynt but kept the stretes as they dyd a fore and wolde nat let therfore & as sone as the bell was ronge at .x. of the clocke than lept the horse of coper with the coper man thorowgh the stretes of Rome insomuche that he lefte nat one strete ĩ rome vnsowght and as sone as he founde any Man or woman in the strete he slewe them starke dead insomuche that he slewe a boue .CC. persones or more & this seyng the theues and nyght roũers howe they nyght fynd a remedy therfore thought ĩ theyr myndes to make a dragge wt a ladder theron.

And as they wolde gowe out be nyght they toke theyr ladders with them & when they harde the horse come than caste they the dragge vpon the howses and so went vp a pon theyr ladders to the coppe of the howses so that the coper man myght nat toche them and so a bydthey slyll in theyr wycked doyng/ Than cam they a gene to the Emperoure and complaynedand than the Emperoure asked counsayll of Virgilius And Virgilius answered and sayd that ye must get to coper hoūdes and set them of ether syde of ꝑ the coper horse and let cry a geyne that no body after ꝑ bell is ronge shulde departe out of theyr house ꝑ wolde lyue/ but ꝑ nyghtwalkers carede nat a poynt for that crye But when they harde the horse comynge with theyr laders clymed a pon the howse but the doggesiept after and tered them all to peces And thus the noyse went thorowgh rome in so muche that no body durst in the nyght go in the strete. and thus all the nyght walkers were destroyed.

¶ Howe Virgilius made a lampe that at all tymes brenned.

For profepte of the comon people dyd Virgilius on a great myghty marbell pyller dyd made a bryggе that cam vp to the palepce and so went Virgilius well vp the Pyller oure of the palepce that palepce and the Pyller stode in the myddel of Rome: vpon this pyller made he a lāpe of glasse that all wape brened with out gowyng out and no body myght put it out and this lampe lyghtened ouer all the Cytie of Rome fro the one corner to the other and there was nat so lytell a strete but it gaue suche lyght þ it semed .ij. torches there had stande and vpō the walles of the palapce made he a metall mā that helde in his hāde a metall bowe that poynted euer vpon the lampe for to shote it out But alway burned the lampe and gaue lyght ouer all Rome and vpō a tyme went the burgepses daughters to play in the palepse beheldе þ metall man and one of them asked īsporte why he shat nat and than she cam to the man and with hyr hande touched the bowe: than the bolte flew out and brake the lampe that Virgilius made. And it was wonder that the mayden went nat out of hyr myndе for the great fere that she had And also the other Burgepses daughters that were in hyr companye of the great stroke that it gaue when it hyt the lampe / And when they sawe the metall man so swyftly ronne his waye

And neuer after was he no more ſene and this
forſayd lampe was abydynge bynynge after
the deth of Virgilius by the ſpace of .CCC. pe-
reſe more.

¶ Howe Virgilius made a orcharde by the foū-
tayne the fayreſt and goodlyeſt that euer culde
be funde in all the worlde.

Great wonder dyd Virgilius in his tyme
for after that palayce he made an horchar
de wherin he set all maner of trees berynge fru
te and also many herbes growynge in that gar
de And as the tyme was sawe men dayly rype
frute fayre blossoms full plentyous In ỹ myd-
dell of the orchardе was a fayer clere fountayne
the fayrest that euer was sene In this orchard
was many dyuers of byrdes synging for they
myght well cum in But they culde no more flye
out a geyne for it was closed in suche maner wt
the ayer/and men harde also theyr byrdes syng
that was with in and culde nat goo forth also he
had in his orchardе all maner of tame bestes ỹ
were profitable for men also he made of the wa
ter that ran out of the fountayn a standynge
water a bout the trees the clereſt that myght be
and there in was of all maner of fyſſhe that cul
de be thought Also in this orchardе was all ma-
ner of Ioyfulnes bothe of trees/herbes/fowles
And Bestes thereof that men myght thynke
or inmagined by mannes reasons Also he dyd
make greatter thynges than all this for he ma-
de a Vaute or seller in the orchardе the fayreste
that myght be made thought by mannes rea-
son In whiche Seller he made for to put in his
money and ryches that he had for he was ſo ry-
che and ſo great multitude ỹ he knewe no ende

And set. ij. metall men before the dore to kepe it and in eche hande a great hamer & therwith they smote apon a anuyle one after the other in so muche that the bridges that lye ouer hereth it & by and bye falleth there downe deed And other wyse had Virgilius not his good kepte.

¶ Howe Virgilius made his wyfe a ymage.

AN Image made Virgilius a hye in the aper that myght nat fall and the people of Rome myght nat open noder wyndowe nor doer but they must nedes see it And this Image had this properte that no woman after she had seen the Image had no luste to do bodely lust. & therfore the women had great enuy and they complayned them to Virgilius wyfe ỹ they theyr sporte and dalynge had lost and prayed hyr ỹ she wolde destroye that Image and make it fall And than wayted virgilius wyfe hir tyme and went vp the bryggе of the aper and cast downe the Image and than dyd the women theyr wyl

And when Virgilius cam and founde his Ima
ge downe he was very angery and sayd to his
selfe that it shulde nat anaply them for he wolde
set it vp a gayne. and swore that he shuld know
who had caste it downe and he set it agayne and
asked his lady & she had castedone it & she sayd
nay And than cam the women agayne to vir-
gilius wyfe and sayd that it was worse than it
was before and prayed hyr that she shulde caste
it downe a gayne and than Virgilius went pry
uyly in to a corner and wayted his wyfe for he
had sene before howe the women had complay
ned them to hyr And then went virgilius wyfe
and caste downe the Image And virgilius that
had hyd hym & sawe howe his wyfe had caste it
downe & wo a anger wold haue cast hyr after wo
the ymage and he sayd the deuyll satysfye you
for I dyd it for the beste but I shall neuer more
medyll but I shall let the women do their wyll
and fro thensefourthe began Virgilius to hate
his wyfe.

¶ Howe Virgilius had his pleasure with
the Sodans daughter.

Often tymes herde Virgilius tell of ye layne
nes of the sodans dawghter in so muche ye
he was Enamoured of hyr thoughe he neuer
sawe hyr than by his conynge made he a brygge in the ayer and went ouer to hyr and when he had spoke with hyr and showed hyr his mynde than she consented to hym not withstandynge she neuer sawe hym a fore. And she sayde on

a nyght that she wolde departe with hym into
his countre and knowe what maner a man he
were and what dwellyng he had. Than answe
red Virgilius and sayde to hym that wyll I doo
but he shall passe ouer many landes & you shall
not trede in them than carped he hym ouer into
his owne lãde ouer the brygge that he had ma-
de in the aier and so brought hym to Rome and
he was at home he asked hym if she sawe no bo-
dy and she sayd no but hym alone And thanne
showed Virgilius to hym hys palayce & orchard
and the metall mẽ that stode styll apece smytyn
ge and he shewed to hym also all his treasur and
he presented it to hym and she wolde nat resceyue
it sayinge that she had to muche of hym faders to
kepe And Virgilius held hym in his orcharde
as longe as it pleased hym. And as the Soadan
founde nat is dawgwter he was sorofull for be
cause he wiste nat where she was become and
they sowght all about but in no place they culd
they fynde hyr.

¶ Howe Virgilius brought agene the sodans
daughter in to hyr faders lande & howe he kun-
dyr slepynge apon hyr bedde.

When he Sodans dawghter had lyd lõge with Virgilius in his otcharde than desyred she to goo home to hyr faders lãde and than toke Virgilius the Sodans dawghter in his harmes and caste hyr vpon the bryggе in ꝑ aper and he his selfe brought hyr to hyr faders palayce and put hyr in hyr chaumber apon hyr bed and than he betoke hyr to the goddes and so returned he home to his place towarde Rome.

And in the begynnynge of the day arose the so-
dā ꝑ was sore vexed for the lesynge of his daugh-
ter and than cam one of hyr chamberlaynes to
the Emperoure and tolde hym howe his daugh
ter was come agayne and lay vpon hyr bed
and slepte Than cā he to hyr hastely and asked
hyr where she had bene and how she was come
there agayne Fader sayd she there was a fayre
man of a straunge lāde and he brought me thy
rowghe the ayer to his palayce ⁊ orchard but
I haue nat spoke to man nor womā but to hym
alone and I knowe nat what lande it is The so
dan answered and sayde to hyr that she shulde
bryng some of the frute of that cuntrey vnto hyr
and she sayd she wolde And with in a wyle cam
virgilius to babylone and toke the sodans daugh
ter with hym a gayne and so departed agayn
to his cuntrey with hir ⁊ kept hir longe as plea
sed hym and when she departed a gayne she to
ke with hir walnottes and other frue .and whē
she was come home she shewed hyr fader ꝑ wal
nuttes ⁊ other frutes of the lande. Ha ha sayde he
it is on the syde of fraunce that so often hath boe
ne pon a wap.

¶ Howe Virgilius was taken there.

The Sodan cam vpon a tyme to his dau
ter and sayde my dawghter when he co
methe a gene to you that was wonte to carep
you away gyue to hym this drynke that I sha
gyue to you or he slepe with you but drynk ty
none there of I warne you for whē he hath d

hym therof he shall slepe and when he is a slepe
let me knowe therof than shall we take hym &
knowe fro whēs he is And the lady dyd as she
was cōmaūded And when virgilius was com
she gaue hym to drynke of the drynke that hir
fader gaue hym and when he had dronke he slep
te & so was taken Than was virgilius brought
to the Sodan and the lordes and also the daw
ter of the Sodan And than the Sodan showed
his knyghtes that that was the man that had
stolen his dawghter a way and than he sayd to
virgilius ye be welcome for your pleasure that
hane had ye shall suffer dethe Than answered
Virgilius to the Sodan I wolde that I had ne
uer sene hir and if that ye wyll let me gowe I
shall neuer come a geyne . Than answered the
Sodan and the lordes that shall we nat do but
for your mysdede ye shall suffer a shamefull
dethe . Than answered the Sodans dawghter
yf ye put hym to deth I shall suffer deth with hym
Than answered the Sodan therto I consente
for ye shall be burned with hym Than answe-
red Virgilius that shall you nat do with all the
strenght and myght that ye can do thoughe ye
be of so great power.

¶ Howe Virgilius cam out and led with hym the faper lady the Sodans dawghter and how he foundred the towne of napels.

Virg

WHan Virgilius harde of this he made with his cunnyng that the Sodan and all his lordes that the great ryuer of Babylon was in the myddell amonge them ranne and þ they ſwemed and lape and ſpronge lyke ducles

And thus toke Virgilius with hym the layre la
dy vpon the brygge in the aier and when they
were bothe vpon the brygge / he delyuered the
Sodan fro the ryuere and all the lordes / than
they sawe Virgilius carayr a waye his dawgh
ter ouer the see apon a brygge in the aier wher
of he maruepled and was very sorye and wyste
nat what to do for he culde nat remedy it / And in
this maner dyd he cõuey the Sodãs dawghter
ouer the see to Rome / And Virgilius was sore
enamored of that lady Than he thought in his
mynde howe he myght marepe hyr / thought
in his mynde to founde in ỹ myddes of the see
a layer towne with great landes belongyng to
it And so he dyd by his cunnynge / and called it
Napells And the fundacyon of it was of egges
and in that Towne of Napells he made a tower
with .iiij. corners and in ỹ toppe he set a nappll
vpon a pyon parde / no man culde pull a waye
that apell with out he brake it. and thorowghe
that pyon set he a bolte / and on that bolte set he a
egge And he henge the apell by the stauke apon
a chepn and so hangeth it stylle And whenne the
egge styreth so shulde the towne of napels qua
ke and whã the egge brake than shuld the tow-
ne synke when he had made a nende he lette call
it Napels And ī this towne he layed a parte of
his treasur that he had therin And also set ther

in his louer the faper lady ꝑ ſodans dawghter and he gaue to hyr the towne of Napels and all the lande therto belongynge to hir vſe and hyr chyldren And within ſhort whyle after he ma-ryed hyr to a ſertayne lorde or knyght of ſpayn with in ſhorte whyle after it fortuned that ꝑ Em perour had a great fantaſy to the towne of Na pels for it bare the name in that tyme for one of the fayreſt in the world and it lay alſo in the fay reſt market place aboute Rome. Than ſecretly ſende the emperour letters to all his lordes that were vnder hym that they ſhulde as ſhortly as they myght rayſe theyr folke & to come to Ro-me for to beſege the Towne of Napels ſo they dyd inſomuche that they aſſembled a great cõ-panye and went towarde the towne of Napels and deſtroyed all afore hym And whẽ he was come to Napels he beſeged it And the knyght ꝑ maryed the lady that was within Napels defẽ ded the towne nobely agaynſte the emperoure and all his hooſte And in the meane whyle ſente this knyght a meſſengere to Virgilius whiche tolde hym all howe the Emperour beſeged the towne of Napels wherwith Virgilius was an gery and ſent worde that the knyght ſhulde nat ſet be hym nor all his hooſt for I ſhall ꝓuyde well a nough for you and ſo departed the meſſenger to Napels.

Howe the Emperour beseged the towne of Napels.

And when Virgilius knewe that the Emperoure beseged Napels thā made he all the freshe waters to be lyke rayne in suche maner that ꝑ Emperours folke had neuer a drop of water and they of napels had a nought and in the meane season repsed virgilius his hoste & cam towarde the Emperoure to Napels / But the emperour myght no lenger tarap for ꝑ hote and men dyed for faute of water & so he loste a great parte of theym / Than the Emperoure seynge this departed home a gepn to the Cytie of Rome all eschamed and dyscumfyt and as he returned homewarde in the waye he met with Virgilius comynge with all his company towarde Napels And when virgilius sawe the emperoure he cā to hym and salued hym in this manere. O noble Emperoure howe fortuned this to you that be soo noble a peynce as you be to gyue vp the seage of Napels and to returne home a gene to the Cytie of Rome all dyscumfit without doynge any harme at all so shortly.

Than wyste the Emperoure well that Virgili
us mocked hym and he was therof verp ange-
rp And than went Virgilius to Napels and he
caused the Lordes of the Towne tomake a othe
that they shulde|verpe no Romans within the
forsayde towne.

¶ Howe Virgilius dyd strengthe the towne of Napels with scholers and Merchaunces.

As virgilius had resepued the othes of the
lordes of Napels than returned he agey
ne to Rome and fetched his bokes & other move
able goodes and browght it to Napels and let
his good a lone that he had ther in the seller And
his dwellynge he gaue to his frendes to kepe &
his dwellynge places & so departed to Napies
there he made a scholе & gaue therto muche lan
des that euery scholer a bydynge and gowyng
to scholе had lande to spue on of the towne and
they that gaue vp the scholе they lolte the lande
and there cam many fro Tuleten to scholе And
whē he had ordeyned the towne well with scho
lers And thā made he a warme bath that euery

man myght bathe hym in that wolde/ and that bathe is there to this tyme and it was the fyrste bathe that euer was And after this made he a bygge the fayrest that euer mē sawe and there myght men se all maner of fayer shyppes that belonged to merchaūte dyse & all other thynges of ꝑ see And ꝑ towne in those dayes was ꝑ fayrest and noblest in all the worlde And in this schole afore sayde dyde Virgilius rede the great conynge and scyaunce of Egromancy for he was the conyngest that euer was afore or after in ꝑ scyence And within schorte space his wyfe deed and she had neuer no chyldren by hym And moreouer aboue all men he loued scholers and gaue them muche moneye to bye bokes with all & thus he ruled them ryght nobely for he myght do it ryght well for he was one of the greateste borne men of all the world and had been ꝑ greatest lorde of all Rome.

¶ Howe Virgilius made in Rome a merall Serpente.

Dyan made Virgilius at Rome a Metall Serpent with his cunnynge that who so euer put his hande in the throte of the Serpent to swere his cause ryght and trewe. And if hys cause were false he shulde nat plucke his hande

out a gepne & if it were trewe they shuld plucke it out a gepne without any harme doynge So it fortuned that there was a knyght of Lumberdye that mystrusted his wyfe w one of his men that was moost set by in the consepte of his wyfe But she excused hyr selfe ryght nobelye and wyselye And she consented to goo w hym to Rome to that Serpent and there to take hyr othe that she was nat gylty of that/that he put apon hyr. And therto consented the knyght & as they were bothe in the carte and also hyr man with hyr she sayd to the man that when he cam to rome that he shulde clothe hym with a Foles cote and dysgyse hym in suche maner that they shulde nat knowe hym and so dyd he and when the daye was come that he shulde come to the Serpent he was there present And virgilius knowinge the falsenes of the woman by his cunnynge of Egromancy And than sayde virgilius to the woman with drawe your othe & swere not but she wolde nat do after hym but put hyr hãde into the Serpentes mouthe And when hyr hande was in she swore before hyr husbande þ she had no more to do with hym than with that fole that stode hyr by And by cause that she sayd trowthe she pulled out hyr hande a gepne out of the throte of the serpent nat hurt and than dyscended þ knyght home & trusted hyr wel euer after.

And Virgilius hauyng therat great ſpyte and anger that the woman hade ſo eſcaped deſtroyed the Serpent for thus ſcaped the lady a waye fro that great daunger. And than ſpake Virgilius and ſayde that the women be ryght wyſe to enmagyn vngracyouſenes but in goodnes they be but innocentes.

¶ Howe Virgilius dyed.

Thus as Virgilius in his lyfe had done many maruyllous and ſotyll thynges And alſo had prompſed to the Emperour many other dyuerſe thynges and meruylouſe For he pmyſed to make the Trees and ſpyces to bere frute thre tymes in a yere And euery tree ſhulde haue rype frute and alſo bloſſomes at one tyme theron growynge Alſo he ſhulde maken ꝑ ſhyppes for to ſayle a geynſte the ſtreme as with the ſtreme at all tymes And he wolde haue made ꝑ penyy to be as lyghtely gat as ſpente And ꝑ women ſhulde be delyuered of theyr chyldern vn

out anp maner felynge anpe payne at all And
these thynges afore sayde promysed Virgilius
to the Emperour for to do & manp other dyuer
se hees thynges that were to longe for to reher
ce If that it fortuned hym nat to dye in the me-
ne wyle And after this made Virgilius a good
ly castell that hadde but one gopnge in the rto/
and no man mpght nat enter in therto but at ỹ
one gate or els nat And also aboute the same ca-
stell flowed there a water & it was impossible
for anp man ther to haue anpe enterynge And
this castell stode without the cytie of Rome and
this enterynge of this Gate was made with.
xxiiij. yron staples and on euerp syde was there
xij. men on ece syde stylle a pece smytynge with
the staples neuer seasynge the oon after ỹ other
and no man mpght cum ī wihtout the staples
stode stylle but he was slayne And these staples
was made with suche a gyn that virgilius stop
ped them when he wyll to enter in therat but no
man els cuilde fynde the way. And in this castel
put Virgilius parte of his treasure therin pry-
uyly And when this was done he enmagyned
in his mynde by what meane he mpght make
his selfe ponge agepn by cause he thought to ly
ue longer manp peres to do manye & wonders
merueylouse thynges And vpon a tyme went
Virgilius to the Emperoure and asked hym of

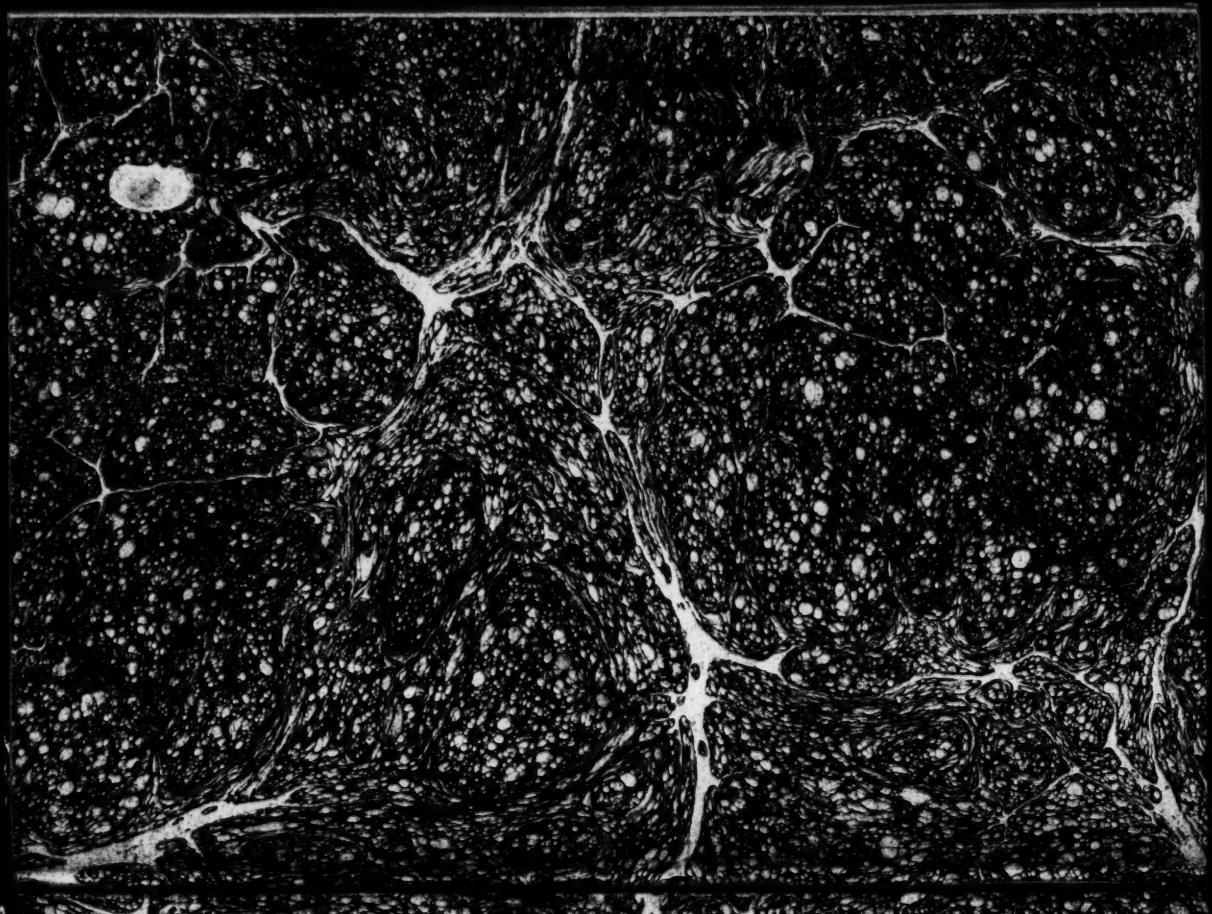
lycence by the space of .iij. weekes But the Emperoure in no wyse wolde graunt vnto hym for he wolde haue Virgilius at all tymes by hym. Than harde he that Virgilius went to his house and toke with hym one of his men that he aboue all men trusted & knewe well that he wolde best kepe his counsayll and they departed to his castell that was without the towne & when they were afore the castell there sawe the man men stande with yron flaples in theyr handes sore smytynge Than sayd Virgilius to his mā enter you fyrste into the castell Than answered the mā and sayd if I shulde enter ỹ flaples wolde slee me. Than shewed Virgilius to the man of the syde the enterynge in and all the vyces ỹ therto belonged and when he had shewed hym all the wayes he made sease the flaples & went into the castell & when they were bothe in Virgilius turned the vyces a gayne and so went ỹ yron flaples as they dyd afore Then sayde virgilius my dere beloued frende / and he that I aboue all mē truste / & knowe moost of my secret And than led he the mā into the seller where he had made a paper lampe at all seasons burnyng And than sayd Virgilius to the man Se you the barell that standeth here & he sayde ye therī muste put me fyrste ye muste slee me and hewe smalle to peces and cut my hed in .iiij. peces and

salte the heed vnder in the bottum and then the peces there after and my herte in the myddel and then set the barell vnder the lampe that nyght and daye therin may droppe and leke and ye shall .ix. dayes longe ones in the daye fyll the lampe and kayle nat And when this is all done than shall I be renued and made ponge agayn and lyue longe tyme and many wynters mo If that it fortune me nat to be taken of a boue dye And when the man harde his master virgilius speke thus he was sore abasshed and sayd that wyll I neuer whyle I lyue for ī no maner wyll I flee you And than sayd Virgilius ye at this tyme must do it for it shall be no greke vnto you And dat the last Virgilius treated his man so muche that he consented to hym and then toke the seruaunt virgilius and slewe hym And when he was thus slayn he hewe hym in peces and salted hym in the barell and cut his heed in iiij. peces as his mayster bad hym and than put the herte in the myddell and salted them wele when all this was done he hynge the lampe ryght ouer the barell that it myght at all tymes droppe in therto And when he had done all this he went out of the Castell And turned the vyces and then wente the coper men smyghtynge with theyr staples so strongly a pon ye pyon annelets as they dyd afore that there durste no mā enter

and he came euery daye to the castell and fylled
the lampe as Virgilius had bad hym And as
the Emperour mysled Virgilius by the space
of seuen dayes he merueyled greatly where he
shulde be bycome but virgilius was sayled and
layed in the celler by his seruaunt that he loued
so weie And than the emperour thought in his
mynde to aske virgilius seruaunt where virgi
lius his mayster was and so he dyd for he knew
well that virgilius loued hym aboue all men in
the worlde Than answered the seruaunte to the
Emperour and sayde worshypfull lorde and it
please your grace I wat nat where he is For it
is seuen dayes past that I sawe hym laste/ and
than wente he forthe I cannot tell whyther for
he wolde nat let me goo with hym Than was ye
Emperoure angery with that answere & sayd
thou lyest falce theefe that thou art but without
thou showe me shortely where he is I shall put
the to deth wt thyse wordes was the man abas-
shed and sayd/ worshypfull lorde seuen dayes a
goo I went with hym without the towne to the
castell and there he went in and there I lefte hī
for he wolde nat let me in with hym. Thā sayd
the Emperour goo with me to the same Castell
and so he dyd & when they cam afore the castell
and wolde haue entered they myght nat by cau
se flayles shyppe so falste Than sayde the Empe-

roure make peace this flayles that we maye ti
in Than answered the mā I knowe nat ꝯ way
than sayd the Emperour than shalt thou dye/ a
than thorowgh the fere of dethe he turned ꝯ vp
te and made the flayles stande styl and then the
Emperoure entered into the castell with all his
folke a sowghte al a boute in euery corner after
Virgilius and at the laste they sowght so longe
that they cam into the seller where they sawe ꝯ
lampe hange ouer the barell where Virgilius
lay in deed Than asked the Emperoure ꝯ man
who had made hym so herdey to put his mayster
Virgilius so to dethe and the man answered no
worde to the Emperoure And than the Empe-
rour with great anger drewe oute his swerde a
slewe he there virgilius man And whē all this
was done Than sawe the Emperoure and all
his folke a naked chylde. iij. tymes rennynge a
boute the barell sayng the wordes. Curssed be
the tyme that ye cam euer here/ and with those
wordes vanysshed the chylde a waye and was
neuer sene a geyne and thus abyd virgillus in
the barell deed. Then was the Emperour very
heuy for the dethe of virgilius and also all virgi
lius kynred and also all ꝯ scholers that dwelled
a boute the towne of Napels and in especyall ꝯ
Towne of Napels for by cause that Virgilius
was ꝯ founder therof and made it of great wor

hym Than thought the Emperoure to haue þ good ryches of Virgilius but there were none. so wardey that durste cum in to fercheit for fere of the coper men that smote so faste with theyr yron staples and so abyd virgilius treasure in the seller. And Virgilius dyd many other mer ueylouse thynges that in this boke is not wry ten. And thus gyue vs grace that we may be in the boke of euer lastynge blysse. Amen.

Thus endethe the lyfe of Virgilius with many dyuers conclayres that he dyd Emprynted in the Cy tie of Anwarpe By me Johñ Doesborche dwellynge at þ the camer porte.

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